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FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE

Of Special Interest This Week

+ FBIS' INTERNET system expanded its services to analysts on 3 June with the addition of Tehran TV's evening newscast. Videotapes are forwarded by air from a recording contractor in Tel Aviv to London Bureau, where they are then relayed via INTERNET for analysts to view on the OIR TV Grid. The initial programs, available with a 24-48 hour delay, have included two lengthy filmclips of appearances by Ayatollah Khomeyni and have been well received by DI and OMS analysts. [REDACTED]

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+ Automation of FBIS' field bureaus reached its first milestone with the completion of installation and integration work at the Austrian Bureau on 3 June. The system allows for soft copy handling throughout the production process--from monitor to editor to communications operator--with hard copy backup. Phase I of field bureau automation will continue this year with the bureaus in Hong Kong, Bangkok, Okinawa, Tel Aviv, and Panama. [REDACTED]

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+ To improve coverage of Haiti, Key West Bureau has arranged for a local contractor in Port-au-Prince, a former FBIS monitor, to provide translations of Creole/French broadcasts, which cannot be heard well in Key West. The contractor, now in Key West for training, will send her translations from Port-au-Prince to Key West by computer modem. The arrangement has received the enthusiastic and strong support of the U.S. Ambassador [REDACTED]

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